BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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What is the Project?

- Joint Effort
  - Texas Historical Commission
  - Texas Department of Transportation
- Grant from Federal Highways Administration
- Commemorate Historic Highways
- Heritage Tourism

Source: National Archives and Records Administration

What is the Project?

- Goals
  - Develop Historic Context
  - Document Historic Buildings and Structures Along Bankhead Highway
  - Make Information Available to Public
  - Promote Tourism
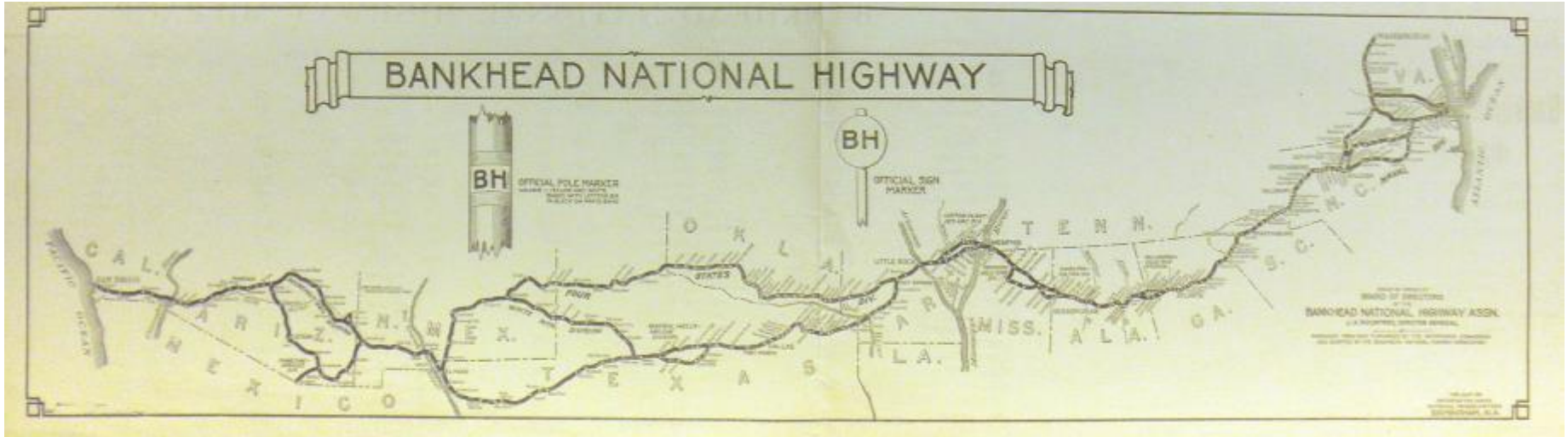

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What is the Project?

- Survey all alignments of Bankhead Highway
  - State Highway 1
  - US 80 and US 67
- Please help us identify historic resources along highway

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What is the Bankhead Highway?

Source: Birmingham AL Public Library

- Transcontinental Highway from Washington DC to San Diego CA by way of Alabama
- Idea for route dates to 1916 by John Asa Rountree and Senator John H. Bankhead

What is the Bankhead Highway?

- Lincoln Highway from New York NY to San Francisco CA
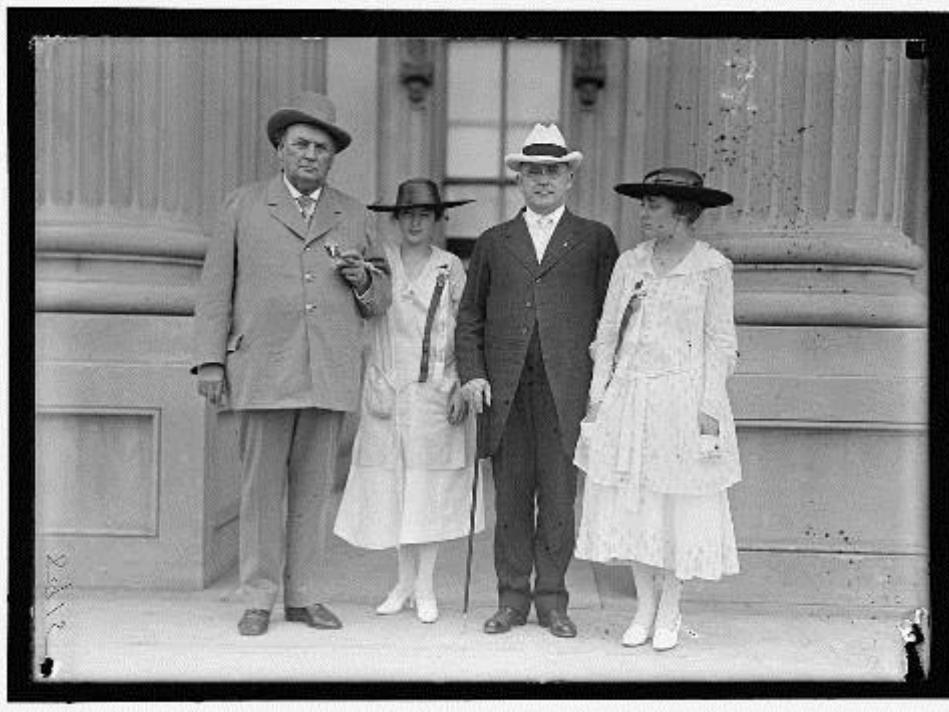- Other Highway Associations formed in 1910s

Who is Bankhead?

- Senator John Hollis Bankhead (1842-1920)
  - U.S. Senator 1907-1920
  - Promoted Good Roads
  - Sponsored Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916

Source: Library of Congress

Who is Bankhead?

Yes, he is related to Tallulah Bankhead

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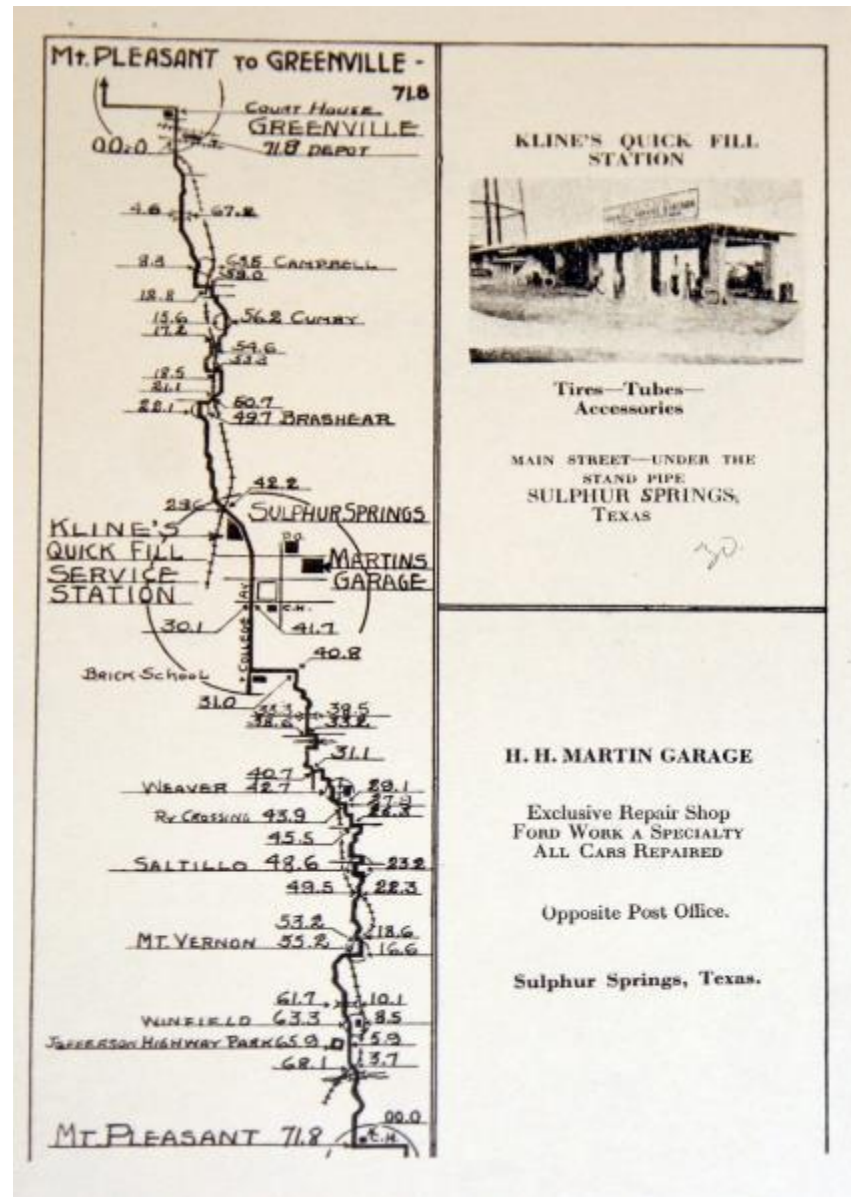

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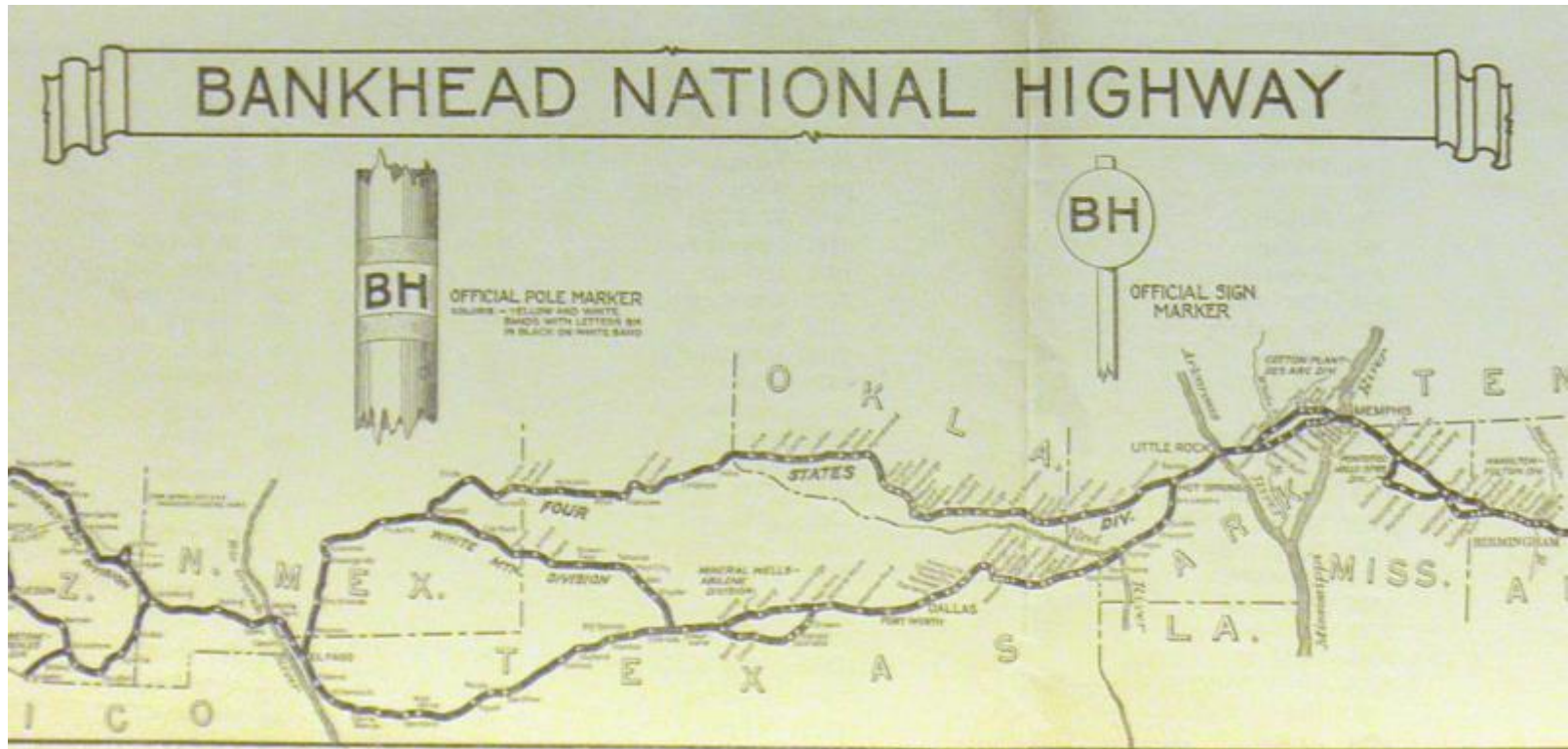

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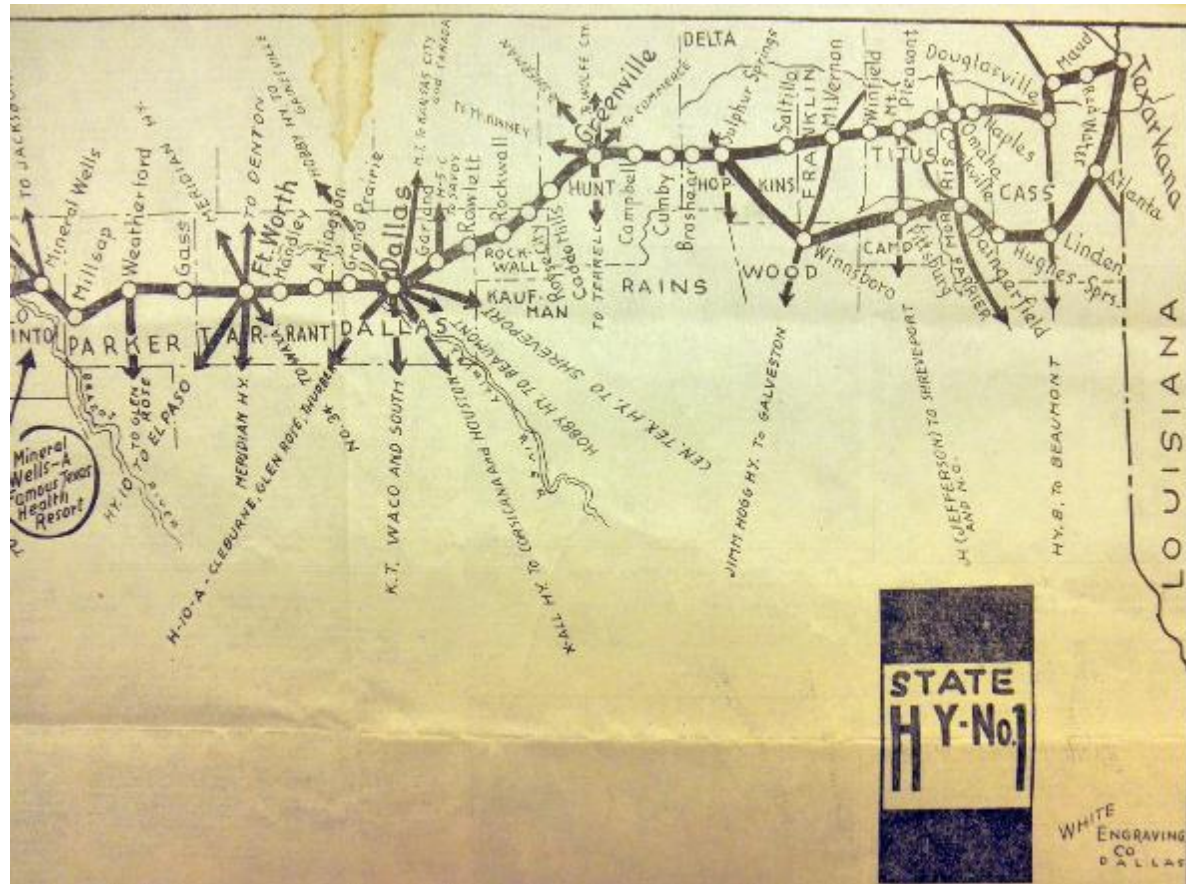- Map

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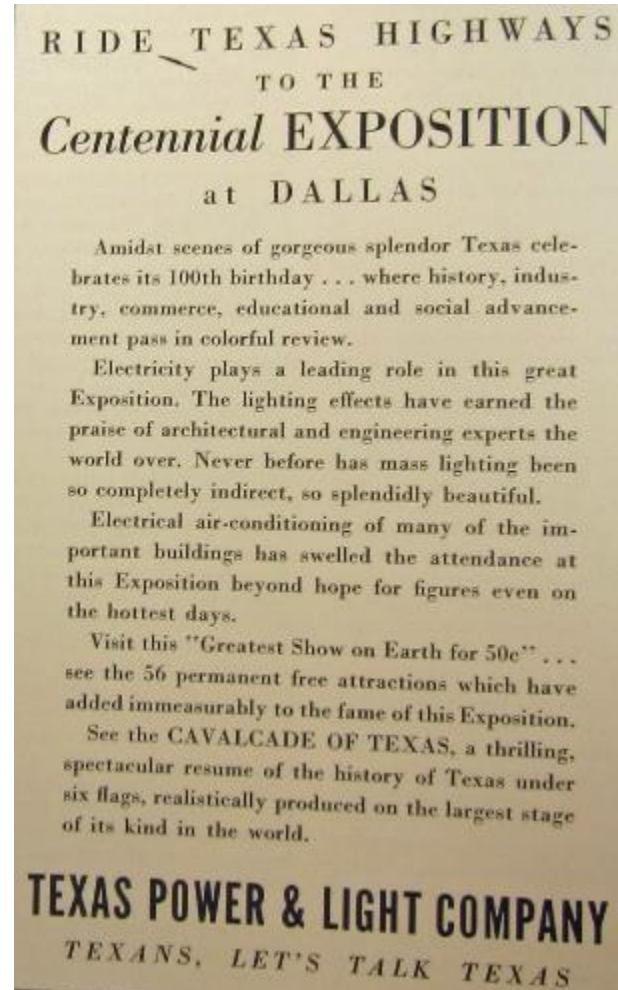Source: The Portal to Texas History

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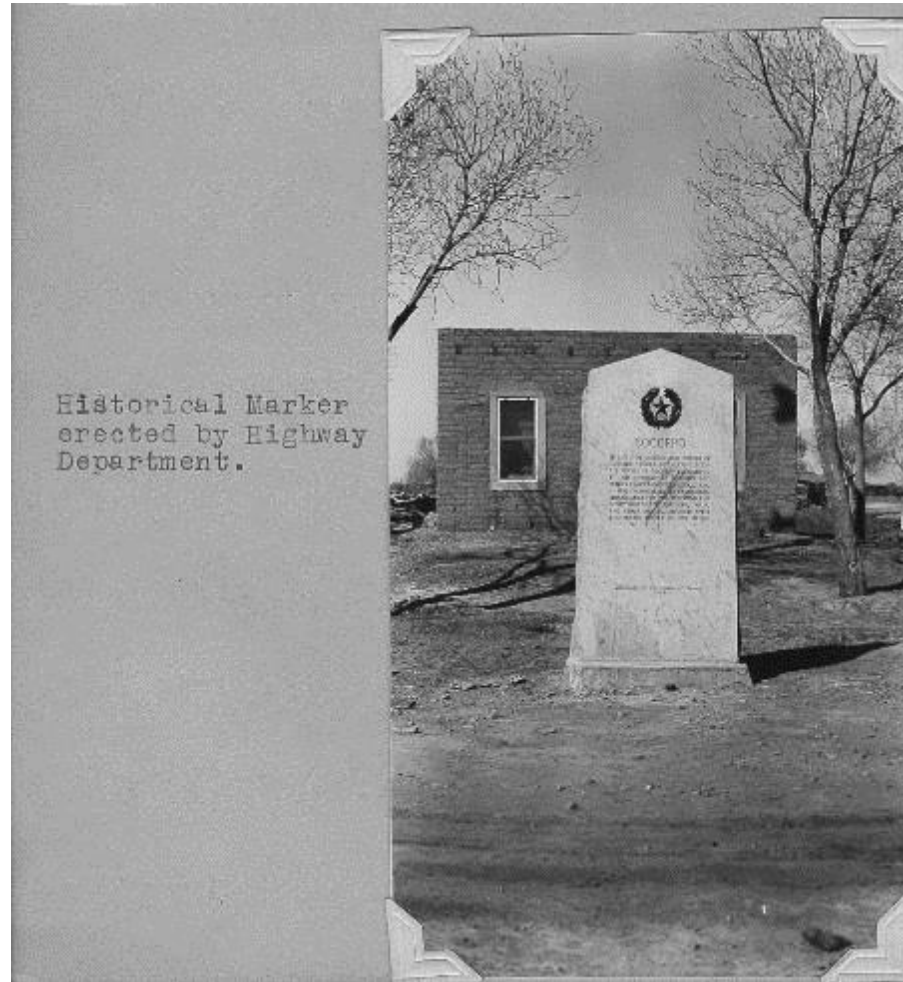
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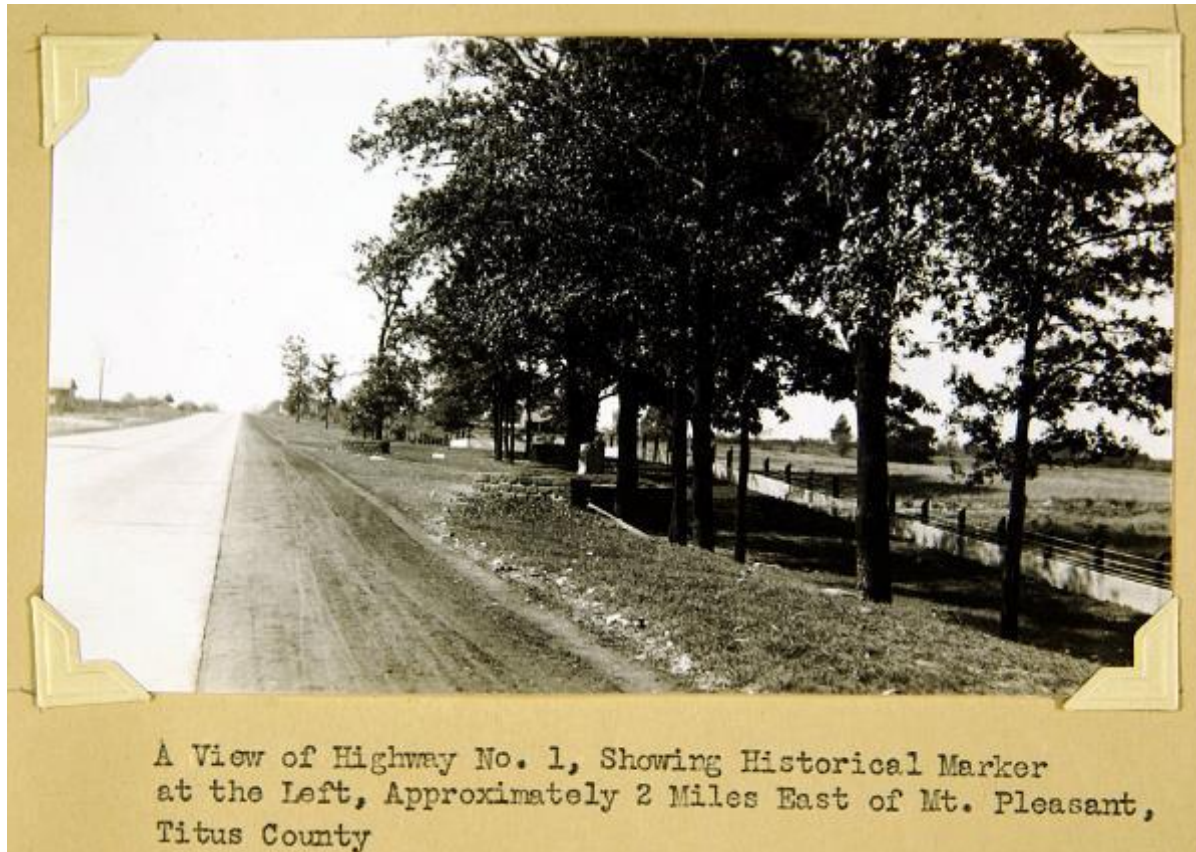# Why was the highway needed?

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A View of Highway No. 1, Showing Historical Marker at the Left, Approximately 2 Miles East of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County

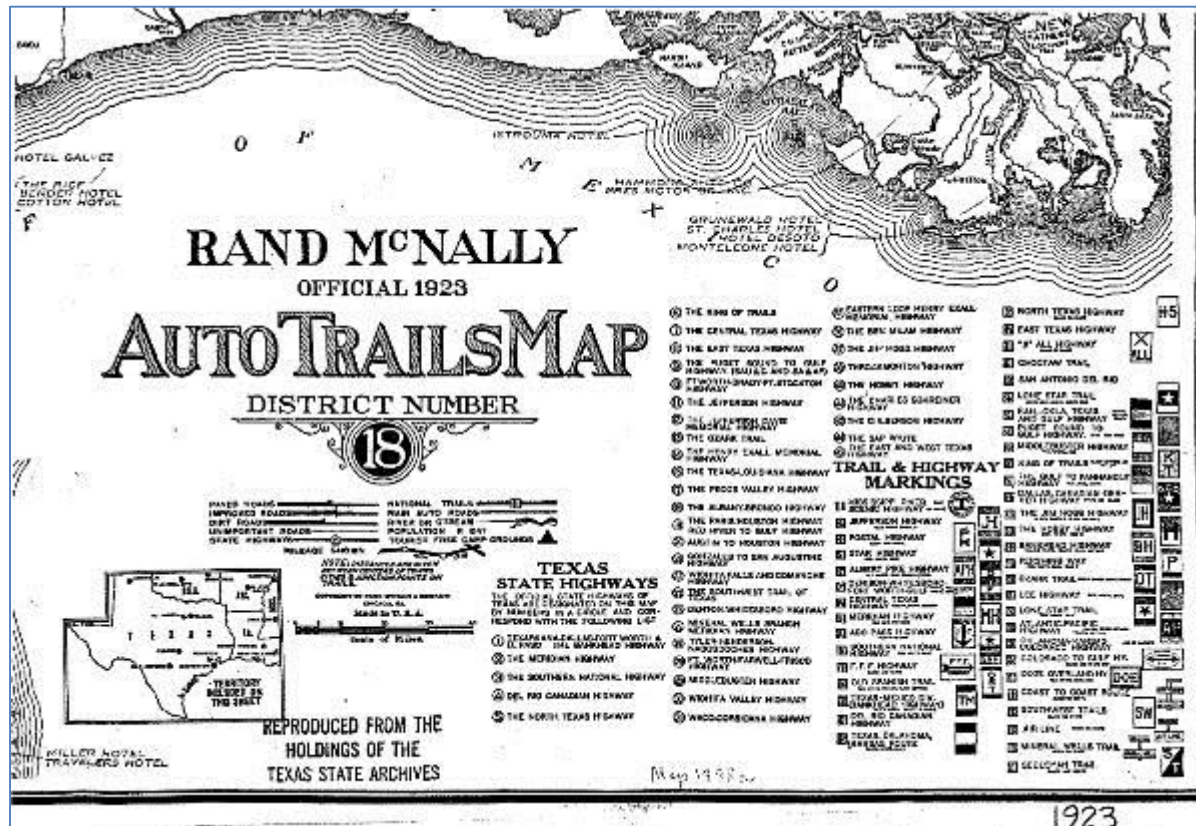Source: TxDOT Photo Library

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Roadside Park on Highway No. 1, Bowie County Near Simms

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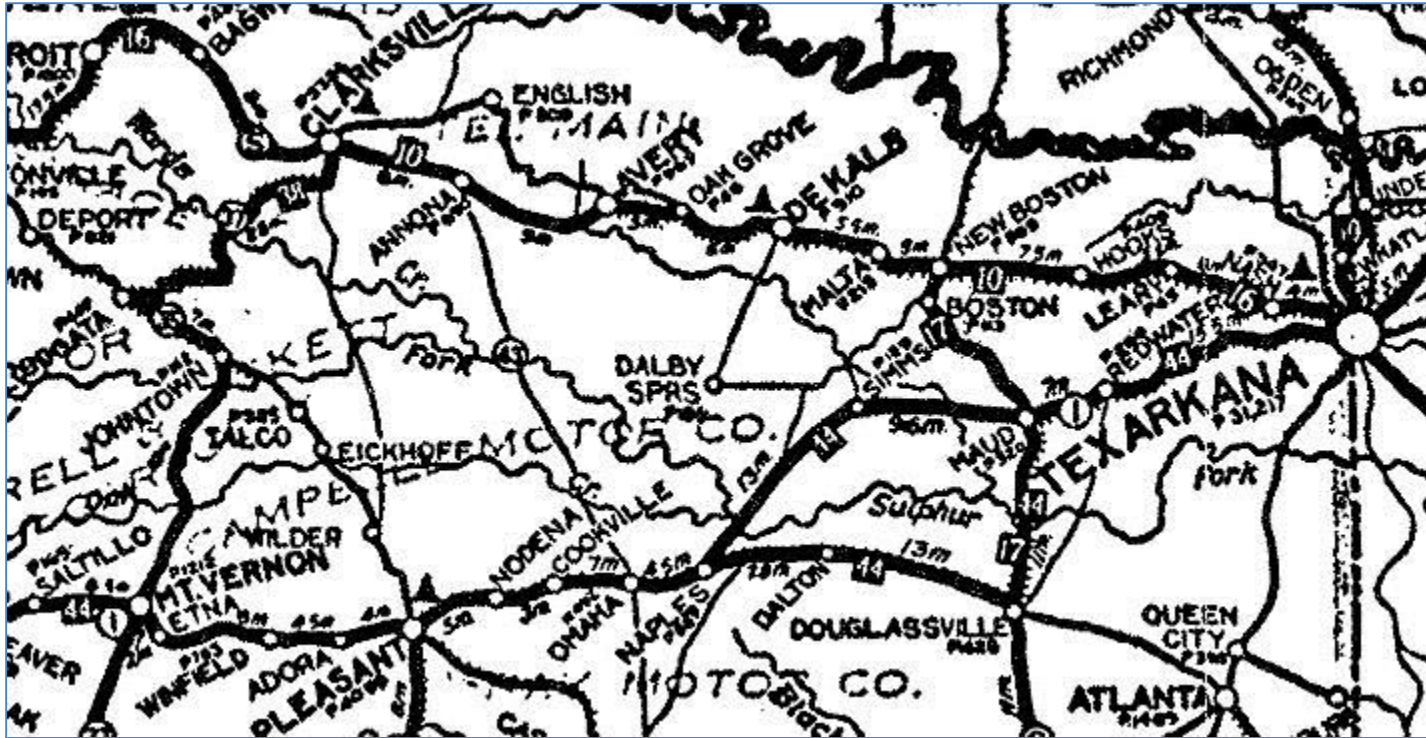
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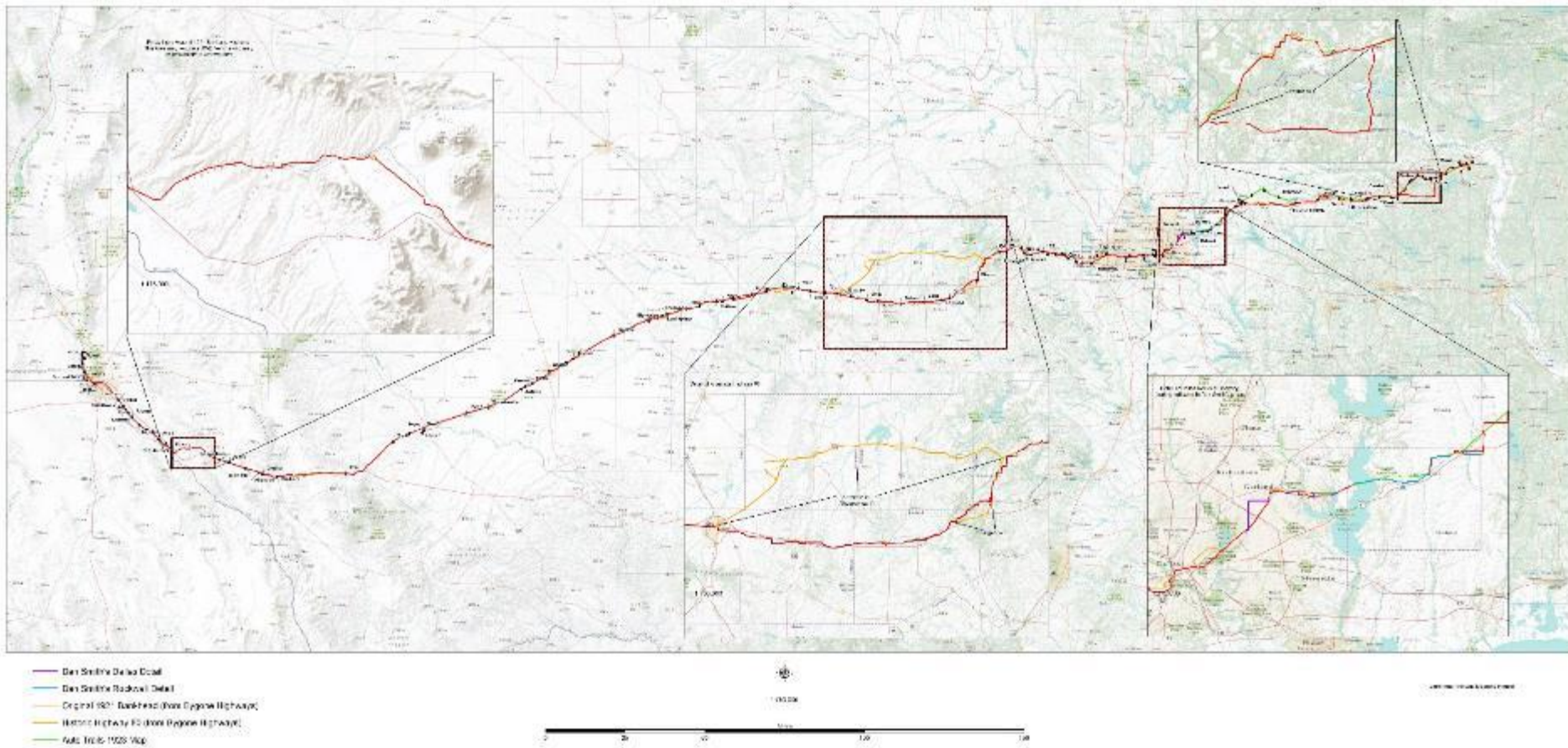
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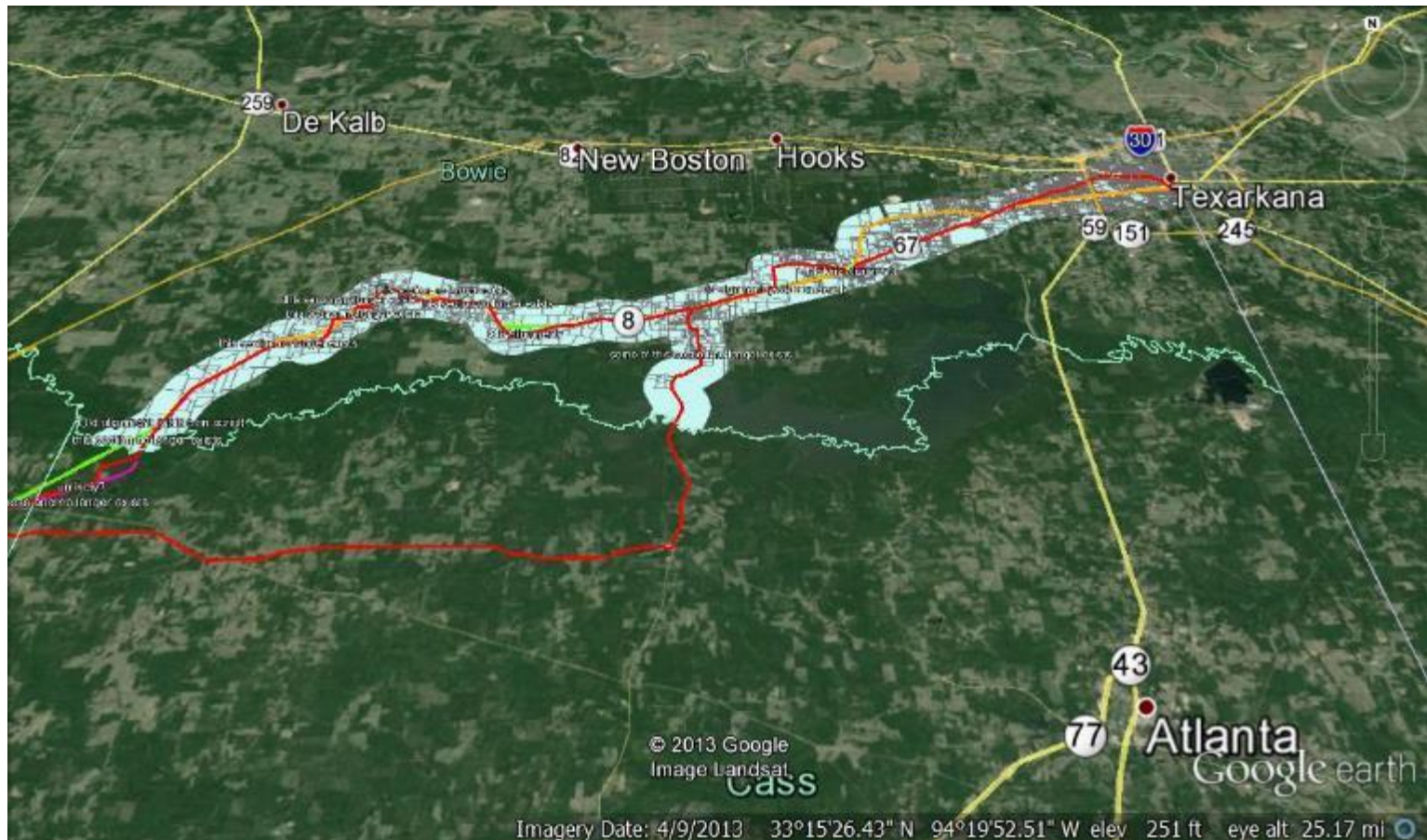
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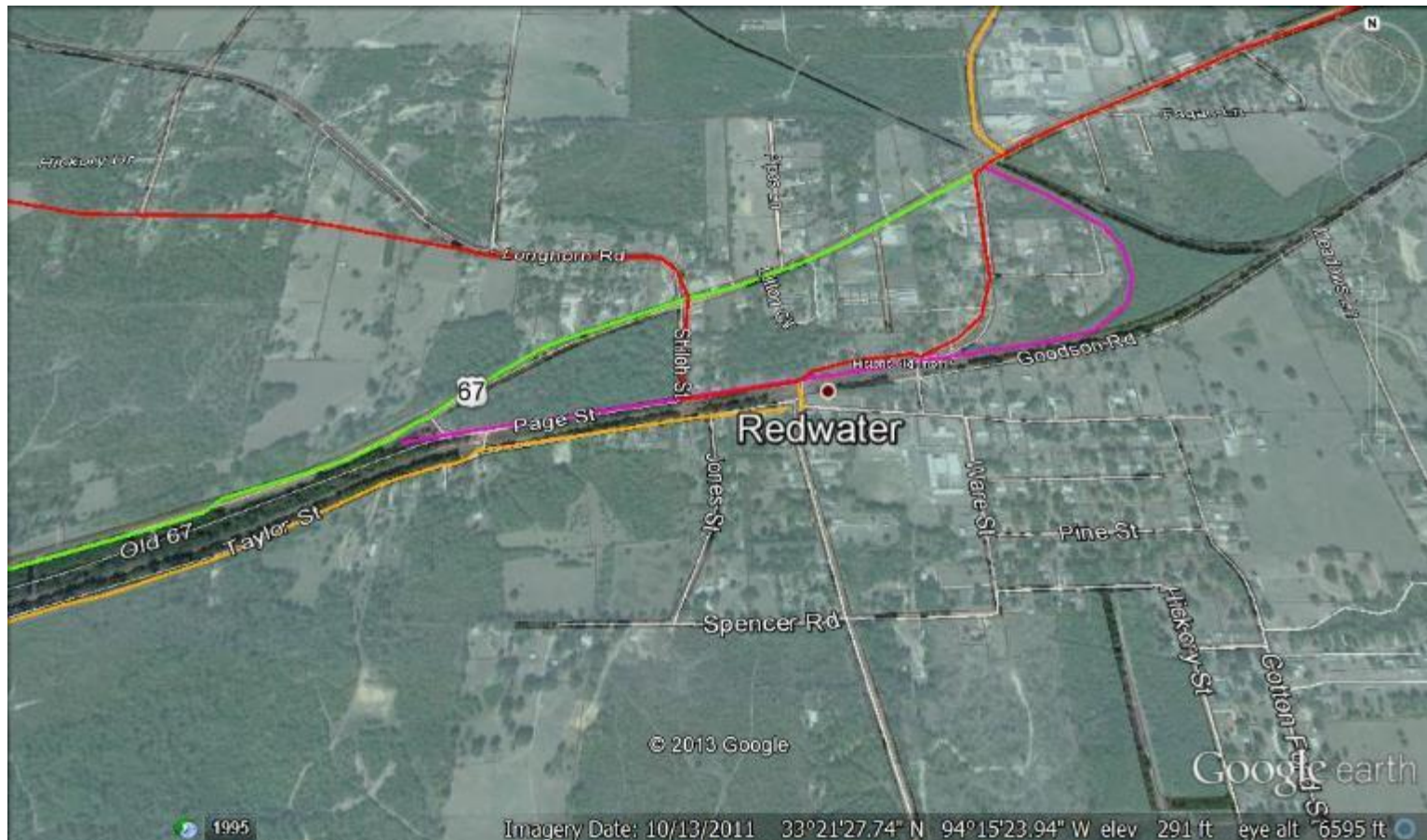

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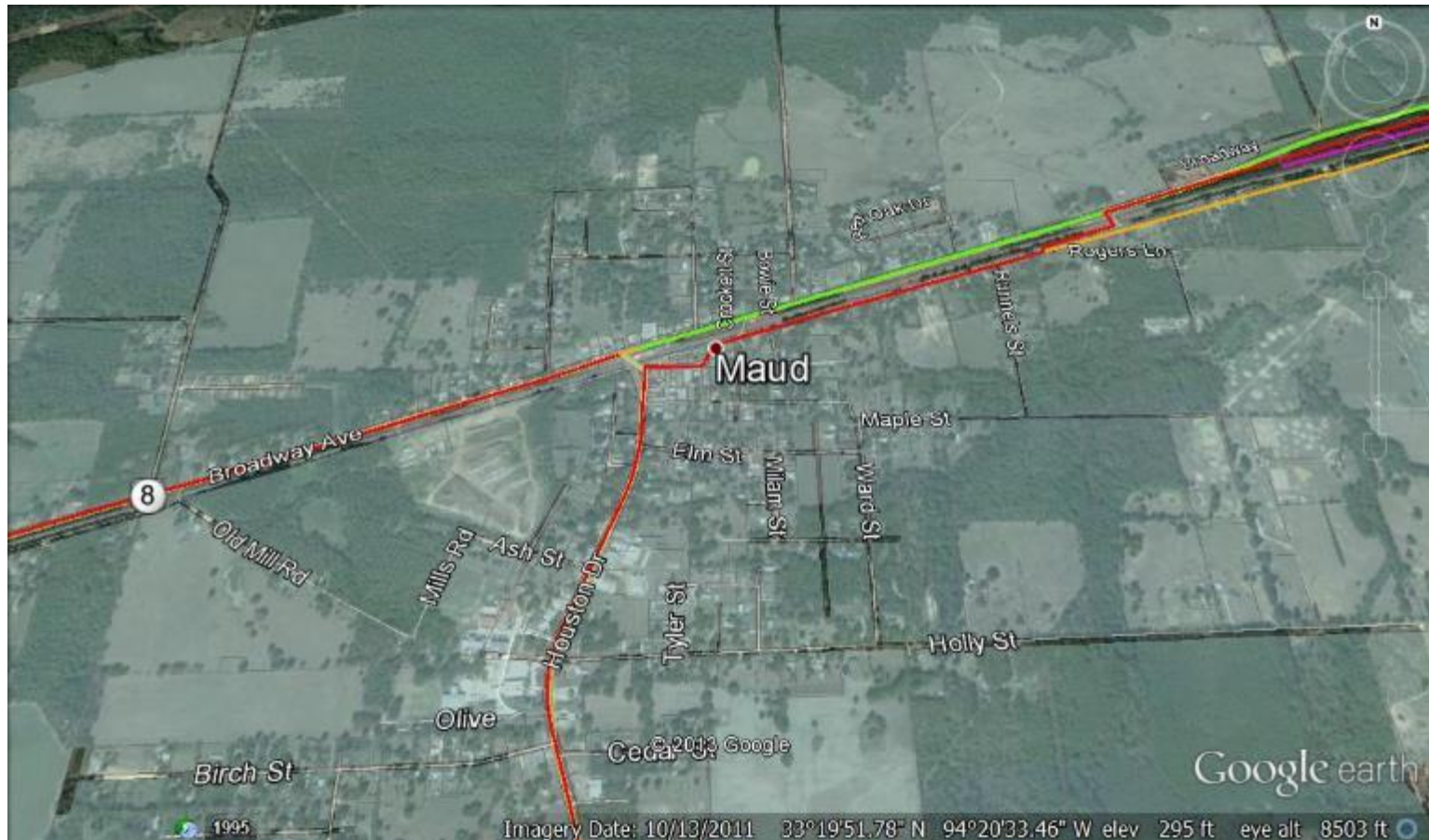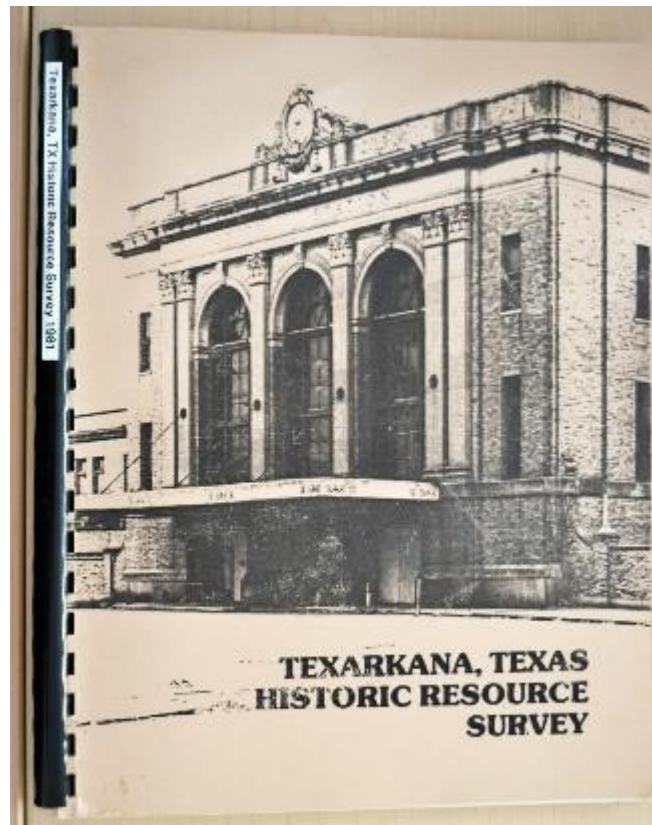

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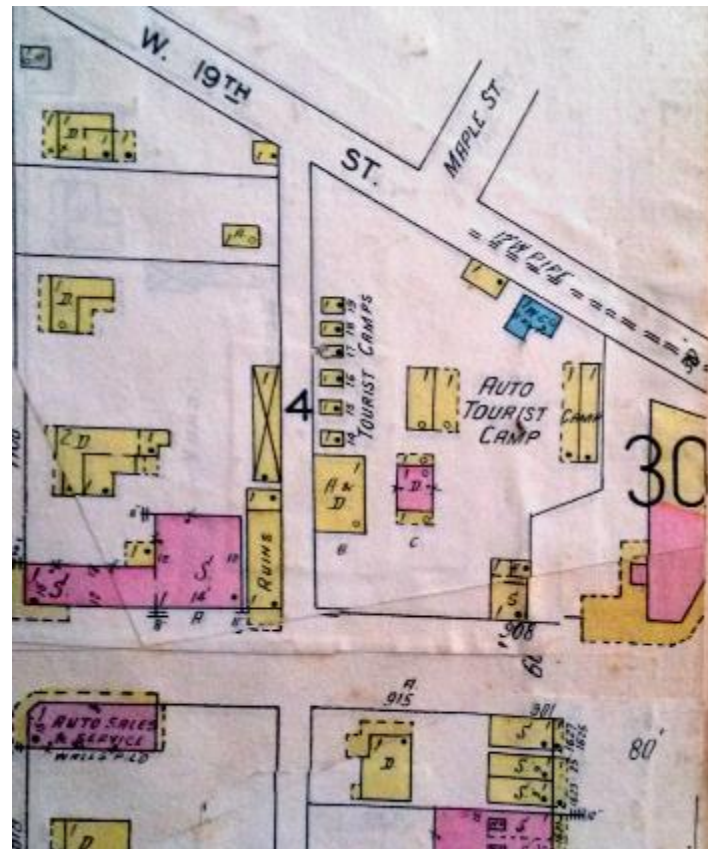

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A Close-Up of the Information Office, at the West Edge of the City Limits of Texarkana, Highway No. 1, Bowie County

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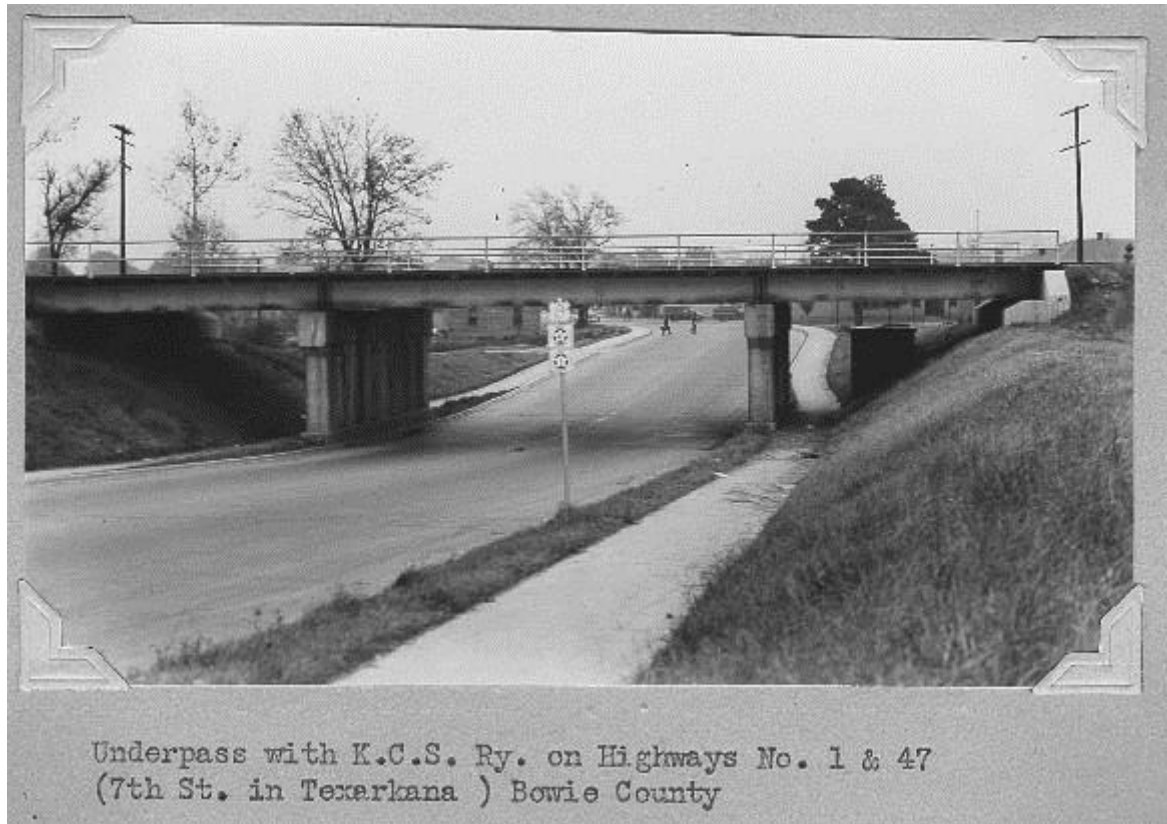
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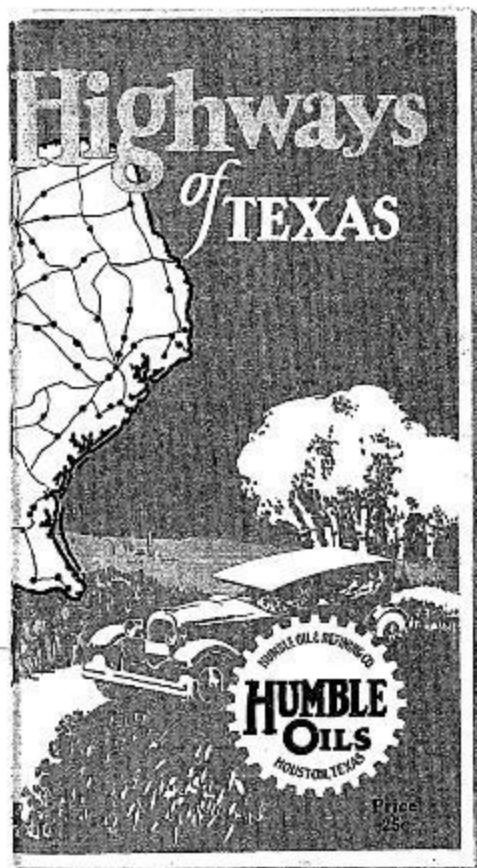
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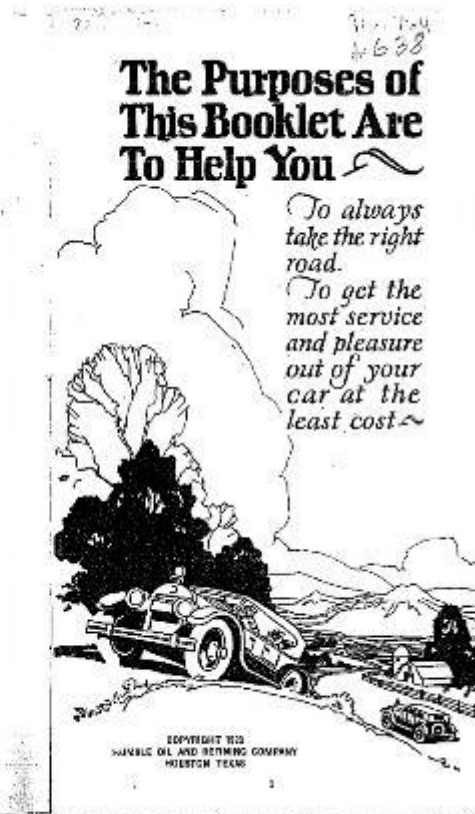
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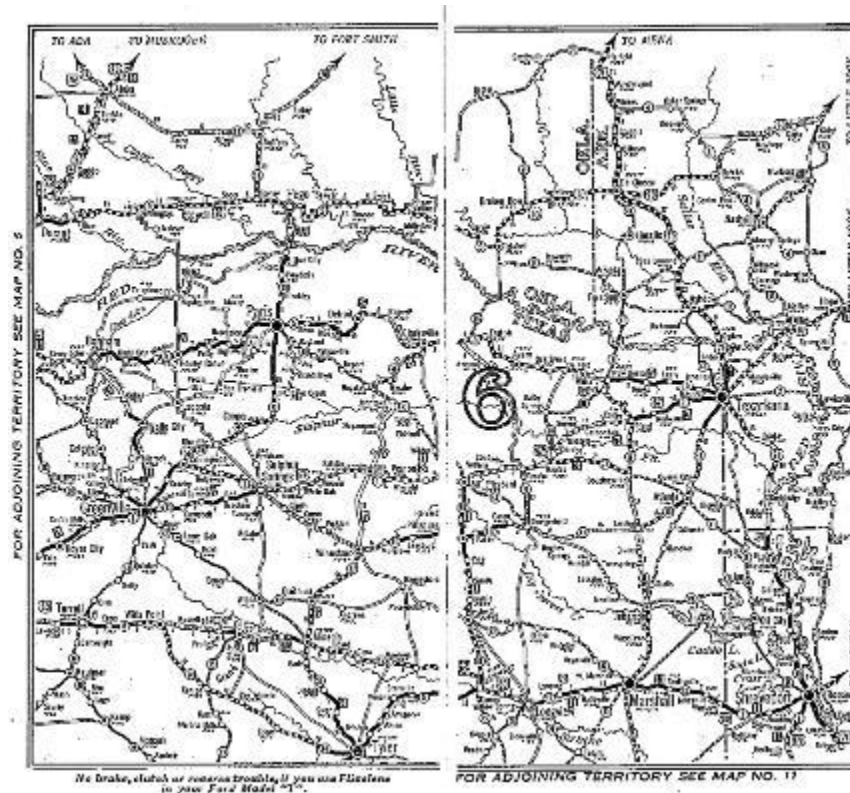
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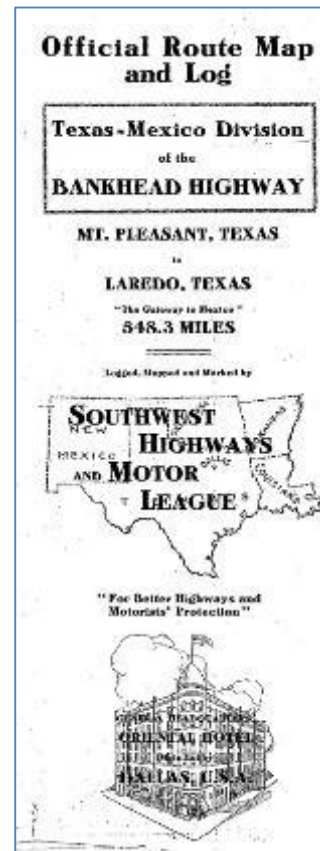
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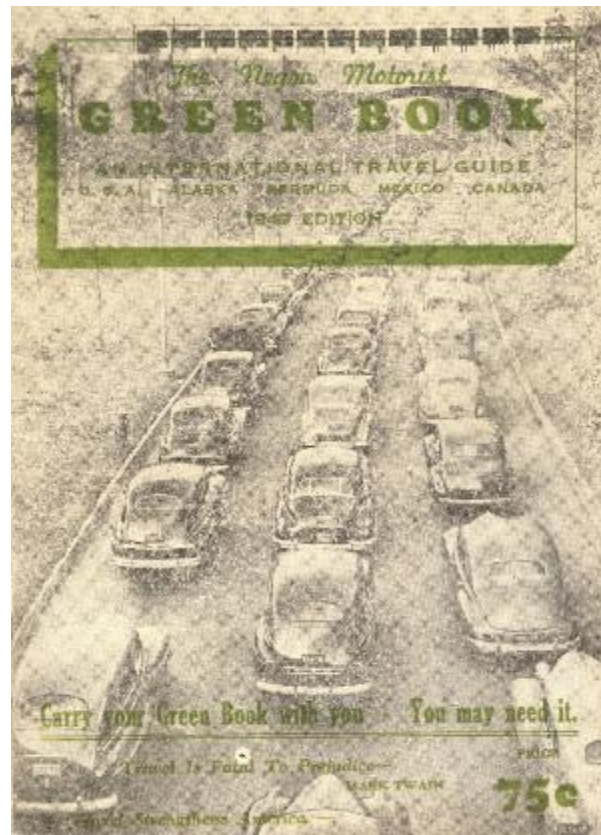
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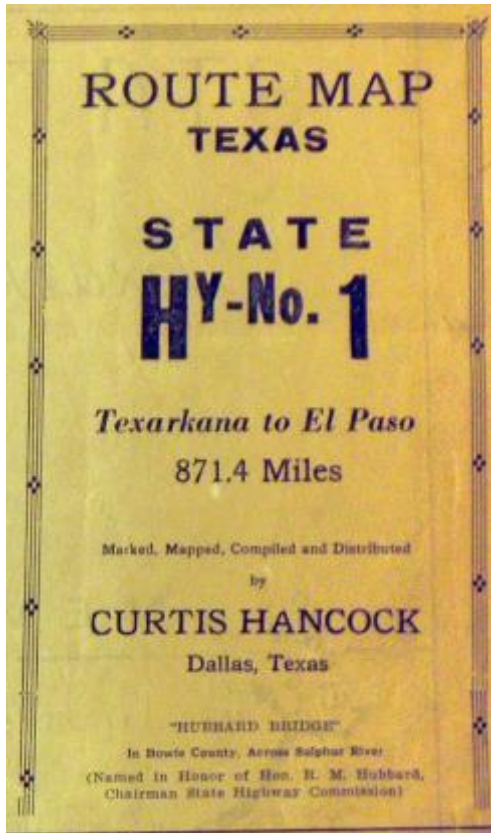
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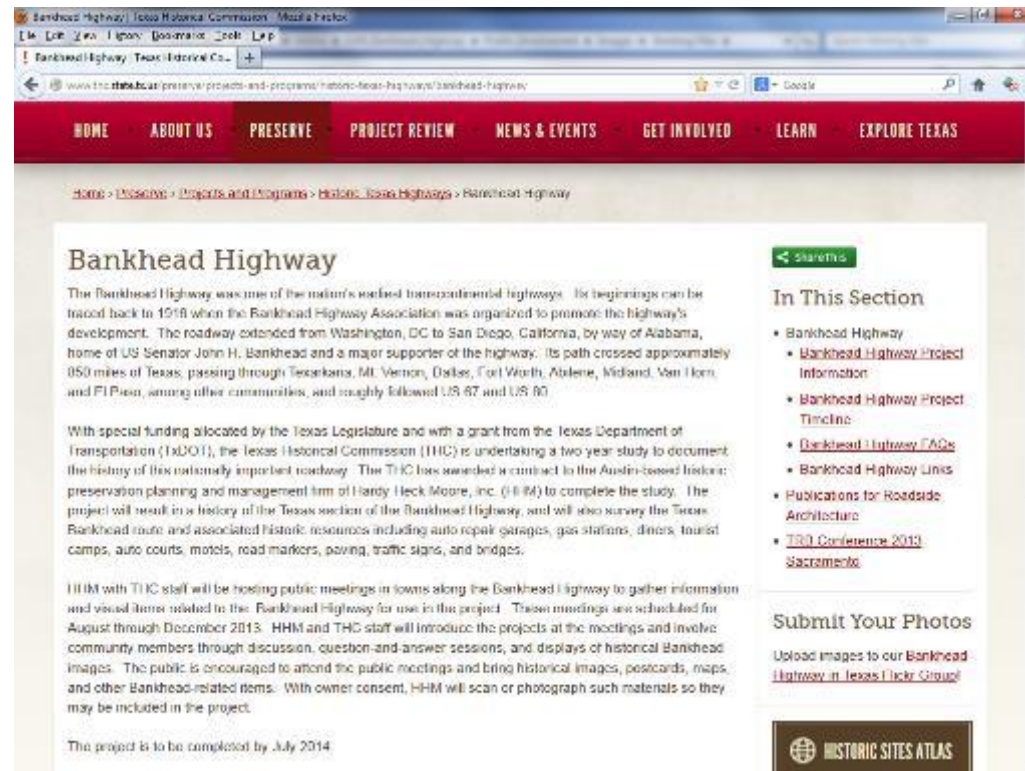

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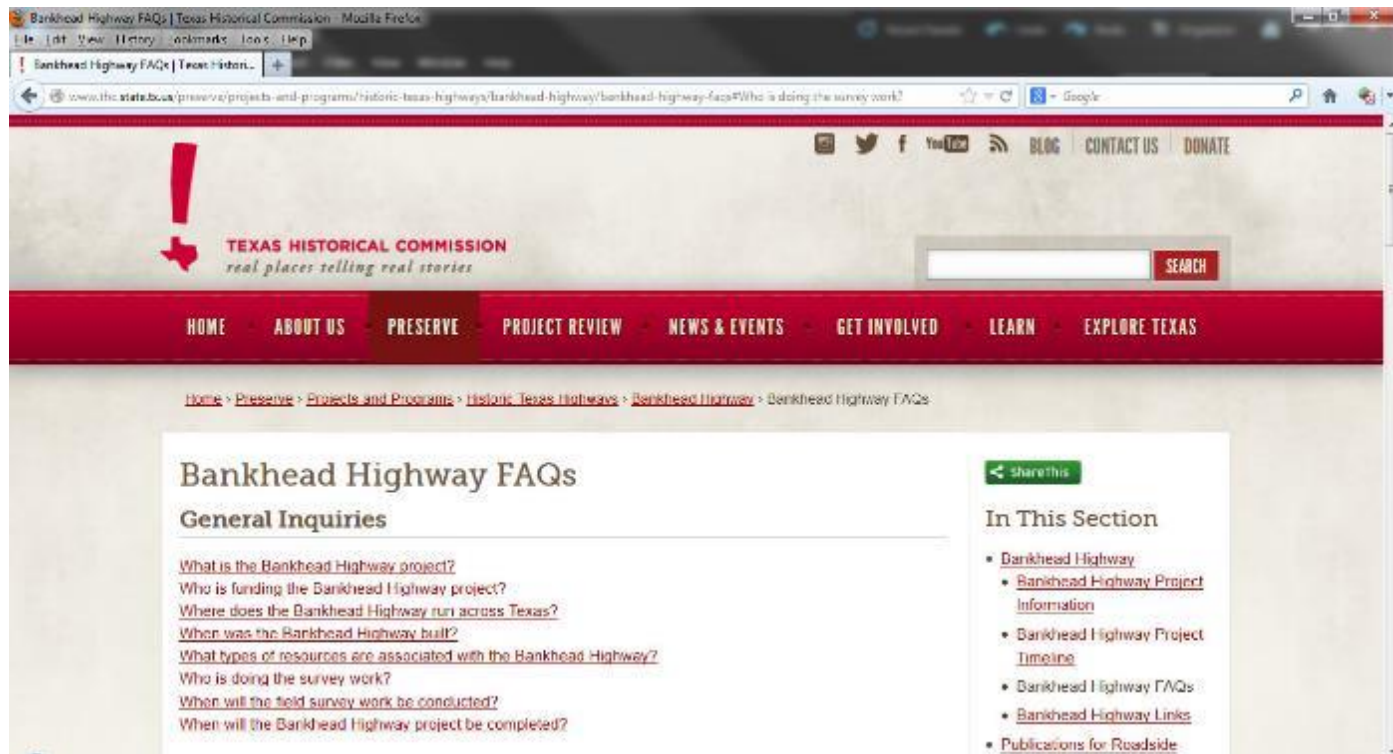
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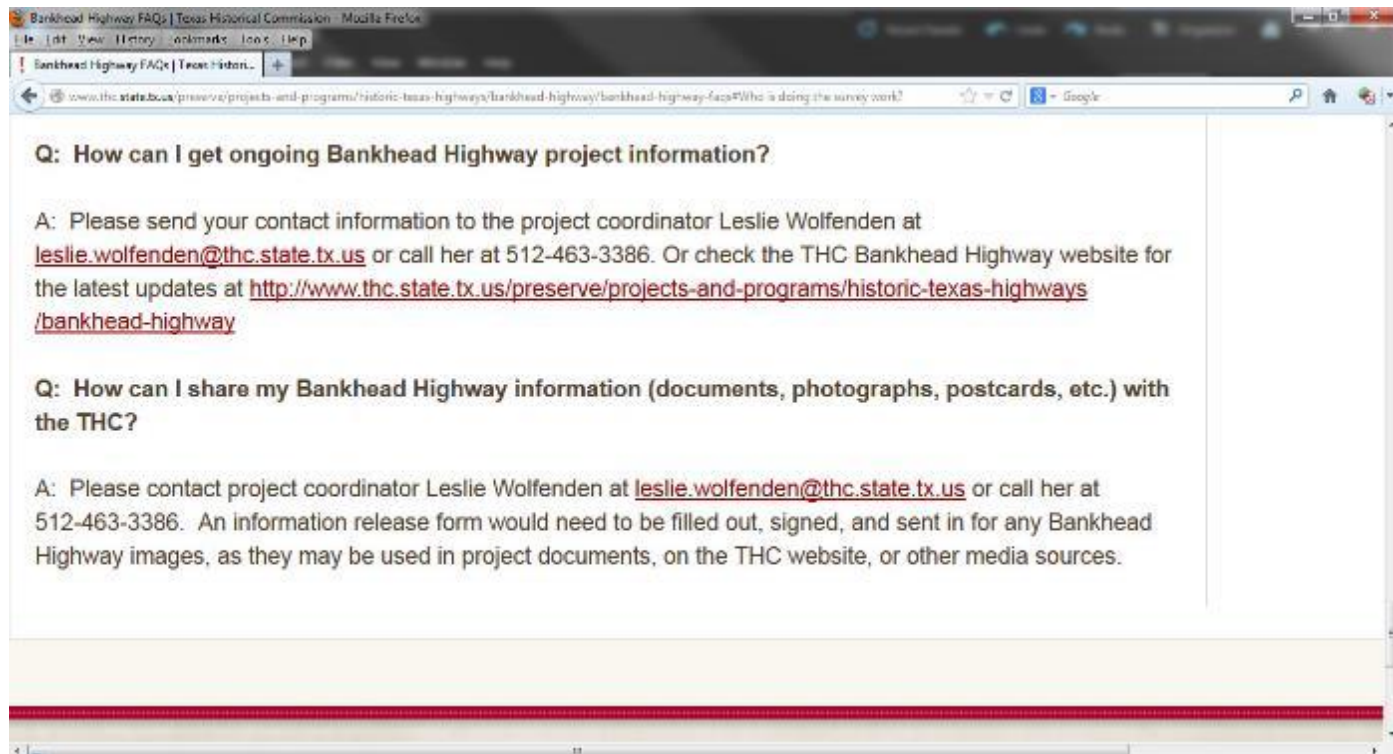
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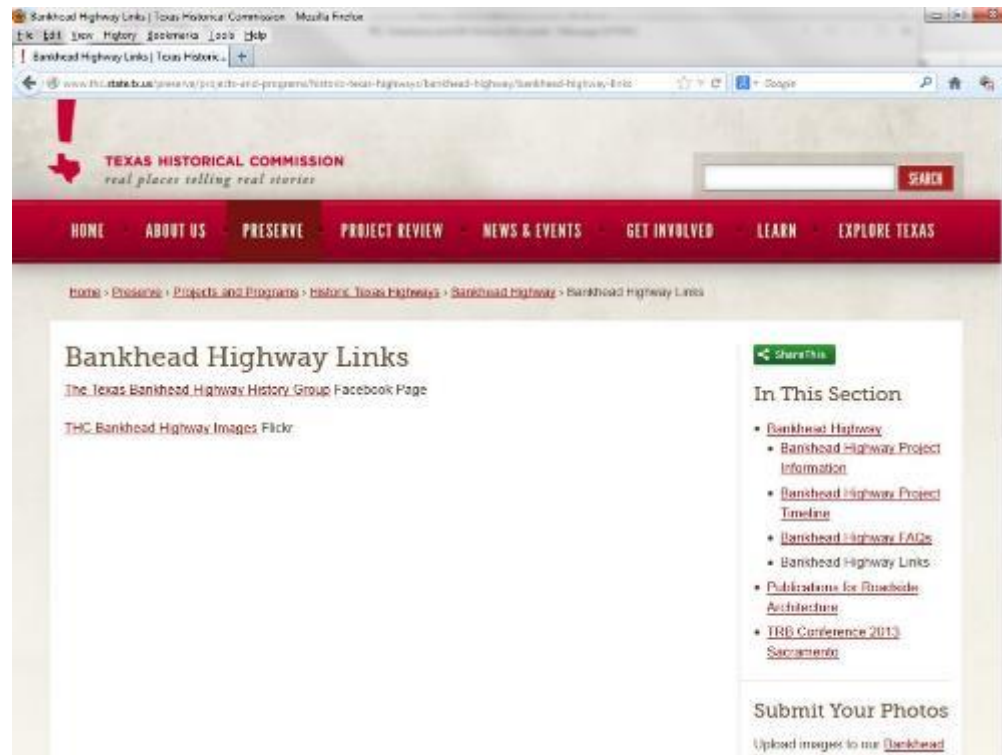
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Thank you for coming!

- Questions?